

# The Key

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I hear her footsteps running towards me down the hall  
And by the lantern light I see her body fall  
She reaches out to me, the Ward Key in her hand  
She speaks to me in noises I don't understand

The key that taunted me, the key that drove me mad  
The key that murdered any freedom I once had  
Is offered to me now, can this be but a dream?  
My trance is broken by this woman's dying scream

The key now in my hand from Quarantine I race  
And when I reach the landing every ghostly face  
Is waiting for me there commanding me to RUN  
The walls are lifting, lockdown's already begun

The staircase shatters as my fate I fly to meet  
The wood is splintering beneath my stocking feet  
At last I'm past the gate, at last I'm at the cell  
That's kept me from the sun and hidden me in Hell

The key that locked us in is now what sets us free  
The inmates have emerged and now they look to me  
To lead them to the light, to lead them to the door  
But as we flee I trip and fall down to the floor

Now, as I hit the ground, as painfully I land  
The key for which I've waited years shoots from my hand  
Then, quick as lightning strikes, the Doctor's heavy shoe  
Comes down upon the key concealing it from view

His eyes are burning red with madness, this is when  
He picks it up and turns to lock us in again  
I leap upon him for I've nothing left to lose  
He overpowers me and asks the girls to choose

He runs his blade across my throat as if to say  
That he will take my life if they don't walk away  
Retreat they do at once, without a second thought  
They only know that we were free and now we're not

And then I feel my darling Annie's Master Key  
From all those years ago, still tied above my knee  
It glows against my skin but doesn't cause me pain  
What happens next I cannot possibly explain

It pulls me from the floor, it pulls me towards the gate  
It fits into the lock and every last inmate  
Is breathless as the bars swing open with a creak  
And no one's seen to move, and no one's heard to speak

Then, all at once, the clock from fifty floors below  
Is loudly striking four, and suddenly I know  
What must be done - there can be no one left alive  
The Doctor's all must die if we are to survive

It's time to show our strength  
It's time that we unite

It's time to change the game  
It's time we learn to fight  
It's time this house is ours  
It's time we take it back  
It's time for bloody war  
It's time for the attack!